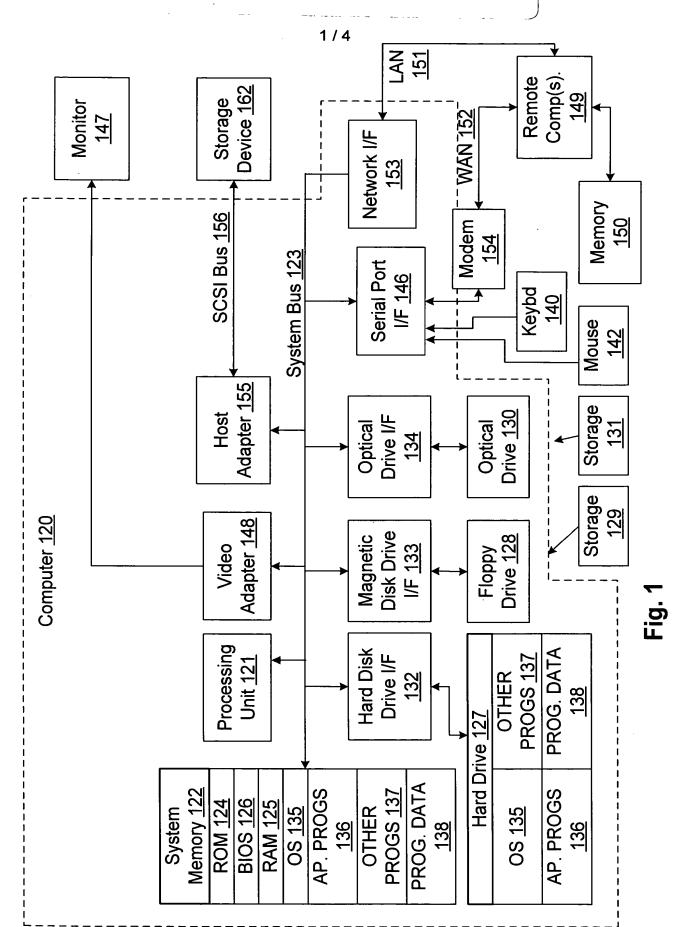
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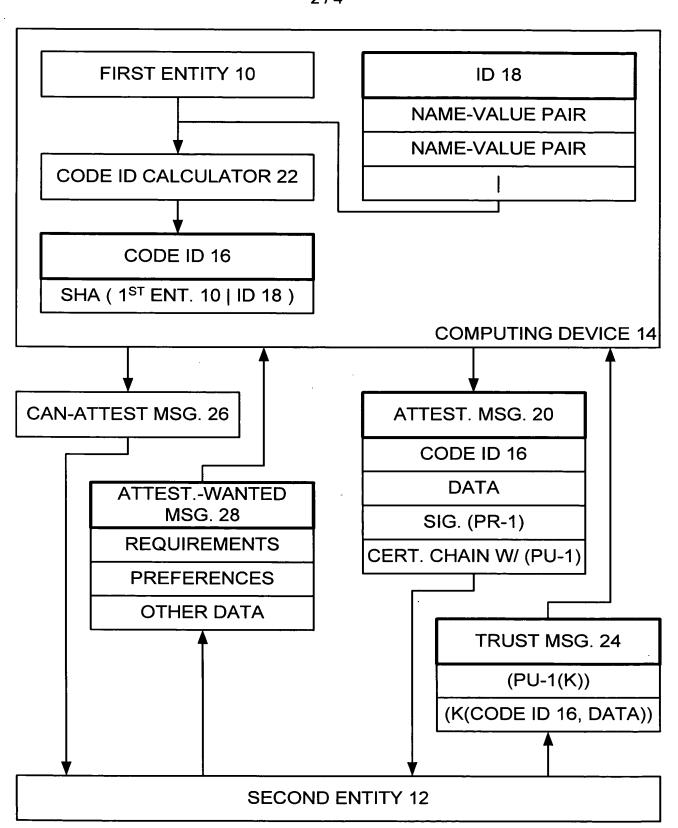


FIG. 2

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3/4 FIRST ENTITY - ESTABLISH TRUSTED RELATIONSHIP WITH SECOND **ENTITY 12 - 301** FIRST ENTITY 10 - SEND CAN-ATTEST MESSAGE 26 TO SECOND **ENTITY 12 - 303** SECOND ENTITY 12 - SEND ATTESTATION-WANTED MESSAGE 28 TO FIRST ENTITY 10 - 305 CONSTRUCT ATTESTATION MESSAGE 20 TO BE DELIVERED TO SECOND ENTITY 12 - 307 INCLUDE DIGITAL SIGNATURE BASED ON DATA AND CODE ID 16 WITH ATTESTATION MESSAGE 20 - 309 ENCRYPT DATA, CODE ID 16 OF ATTESTATION MESSAGE 20 - 311 SEND ATTESTATION MESSAGE 20 TO SECOND ENTITY 12 - 313 SECOND ENTITY 12 - RECEIVE ATTESTATION MESSAGE 20 - 315 VERIFY ATTESTATION MESSAGE 20 BASED ON INCLUDED DIGITAL SIGNATURE - 317 **DECRYPT ENCRYPTED INFORMATION - 319** 

TO STEP 321, FIG. 3B

FIG. 3A

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TRUST FIRST ENTITY 10 BASED ON ATTESTATION MESSAGE 20 ? -321 YES - CONSTRUCT TRUST MESSAGE 24 FOR FIRST ENTITY 12 W/ SHARED SECRET - 323 ENCRYPT DATA, THE CODE ID 16 OF TRUST MESSAGE 24 - 325 SEND TRUST MESSAGE 24 TO FIRST ENTITY 10 - 327 FIRST ENTITY 10 - RECEIVE TRUST MESSAGE 24 - 329 LOCATE SHARED SECRET IN TRUST MESSAGE 24 - 331 DECRYPT SHARED SECRET - 333 DECRYPT ENCRYPTED DATA, CODE ID 16 - 335 FIRST, SECOND ENTITIES 10, 12 - EMPLOY SHARED SECRET TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION THEREBETWEEN - 337 SECOND ENTITY 12 - SEND ANOTHER TRUST MESSAGE 24 TO FIRST ENTITY 10 WITH DIFFERENT SHARED SECRET - 339